

II. REMARKS

A. Introduction

In this Office Action claims 1-3, 8, 16, 21, 23, 26-29, 32-35 and 38-50 are noted as pending and are rejected.

In summary of this Response, claims 3, 23, 29, 41, 44, 47 and 50 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and remarks are provided.

B. Grounds for Entry of this Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and Allowance of this Application

Applicant requests entry of this Rule 116 Response because: (a) all rejected claims have been canceled or have had the rejected phrase deleted therefrom; (b) it is believed that the amendment of independent claims 1, 16, 27, 33, 39, 42, 45 and 48 puts all pending claims into condition for allowance; (c) the amendments were not earlier presented because Applicant believed in good faith that the cited prior art did not disclose the present invention as previously claimed; (d) the amendment of claims 1, 16, 27, 33, 39, 42, 45 and 48 should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new features are being added or new issues being raised; and (e), as the cancellation and amendment of the claims discussed above addresses the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections, and there being no outstanding prior art rejections, the pending claims 1-2, 8, 16, 21, 26-28, 32-35, 38-40, 42-43, 45-46 and 48-49 should be in condition for allowance.

C. Rejection of Claims 3, 23, 29, 41, 44, 47 and 50 Under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, First Paragraph

These claims are rejected as lacking enablement. Without agreeing with the rejection, these claims are canceled herein to render the rejection moot.

D. Rejection of Claims 1-3, 8, 16, 21, 23, 26-29, 32-35 and 38-50 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

These claims are rejected as including the term "the recess is formed in a direction of length of the third shaft", which is deemed in the action to lack "written description". Without agreeing with the rejection, these claims are amended herein by deleting the rejected phrase.

III. CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-2, 8, 16, 21, 26-28, 32-35, 38-40, 42-43, 45-46 and 48-49 are now in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional fees associated with this Response, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Response, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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